From: Zondervan, Quinton
To: Jeffrey Melnick
Bcc: Totten, Daniel
Subject: Re: HP
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Thanks Jeff, and thanks for your support! :-)

I am supportive of this effort to acknowledge the plight of the Palestinian people. Unfortunately the proposed resolution did not have the support it would need to pass or even come forward on the agenda as written. I hope to work with the proponents and the opponents as well in the future to find an appropriate way for the council to speak out on this issue and make a positive contribution towards peace and justice for both Palestinians and Israelis.

I'm always happy to meet and discuss this issue or any other, in person or by phone as you prefer.

All the best,

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> On Apr 20, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Jeffrey Melnick <Jeffrey.Melnick@umb.edu> wrote:
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> Hello Councillor Zondervan,
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> I hope this finds you well and enjoying these first glimmers of spring. I don't think we've met yet, but I was really pleased to have the chance to vote for you this past cycle...
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> I've been trying to track the question of the HP referendum that was supposed to come in front of the council this coming Monday and that seems to have been postponed. I can't find any statement by you on this matter and just wanted to urge you to take seriously the possibility of the adopting the HP boycott measure. This is a time tested political and economic strategy that reaches back at least as far as the Kosher Meat Strike of 1902 when Jewish women on the Lower East Side boycotted butchers who had raised their prices in collusion. As an American Jew I'm inspired by this early action and committed to taking any action in the present that might, even in a small way, represent an acknowledgement of the humanity and equal rights of Palestinians.
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> All best

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